GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF ATC OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air Traffic Control (ATC) has been affected by massive manpower shortage for some years now and the massive growth in air traffic and extra facilities being provided to airlines and passengers have put pressure on ATC officers;

(b) if so, the reasons for this manpower shortage and details thereof?

(c) the number of ATC officers in place as against the sanctioned strength;

(d) the time by which the manpower shortage is likely to be met in order to reduce the workload of officers; and

(e) to what extent the work of airlines has suffered and its impact on the passengers due to shortage of manpower?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However, there was additional requirement of controllers due to opening of new airports and new ATC sectors.

(c): The sanctioned strength of ATC officers is 2107 and the actual strength is 1725.

(d): At present 1725 Air Traffic Controllers are in position. Written test for 68 posts of Manager (ATC) is scheduled to be held on 9.11.2008. Efforts are also being made to utilise the services of retired ATC Officers of Airports Authority of India and Indian Air Force to meet the urgent operational requirements when the situation warrants.

(e): Does not arise.